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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR UNDERSECRETARY HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR TOON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILLIP C.)

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 286847

1. I SHALL OF COURSE COMPLY WITH THE SECRETARY'S WISHES, BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW I AM PUZZLED BY YOUR POSITION. IN COMMENTING ON YOUR MESSAGE I SHALL SPEAK FRANKLY AS IS MY WONT.

2. WITH THE MIDDLE EAST ON THE FRONT BURNER IN MOST WORLD CAPITALS, I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT A VISIT BY A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF ONE CO-CHAIRMAN TO ANOTHER CAN BE REGARDED AS "LOW-KEY"--ESPECIALLY TIMED AS IT IS BETWEEN TRIPOLI AND CAIRO. SECONDLY, IF THERE IS SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO BE SAID TO THE SOVIETS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, IT SHOULD BE SAID TO GROMYKO SINCE WITH KUZNESTSOV'S MOVE UPSTAIRS THERE IS NO OTHER WORTHY INTERLOCUTOR IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE ABOVE THE DESK LEVEL. IF YOU HAVE NOTHING IMPORTANT TO SAY THEN WHY COME AT ALL.

3. DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME, I SHALL AS ALWAYS BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT I DID FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE
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MY VIEWS ON HOW THE VISIT WILL BE SEEN. BETTY AND I WILL OF COURSE DO OUR BEST TO APPEAL TO YOUR GOURMET TASTES AT SPASO.

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